# Newsletter 25th June 2026

## Learning for life in all its fullness. John 10:10

## Head Teacher's Welcome - issue 39

Romans 12.2 **"Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind".**

Dear Parents, Carers and extended school community,

In term 6, we focus on our value of reflection and celebrate how far we have all come with our individual and collective successes and at the same time, prepare for future transitions. The reception team have enjoyed meeting our new reception intake at the 'Stay and Play' sessions and we are delighted to welcome a full intake into the Braunston School community. Year 6 are busy preparing to move onto secondary school whilst participating in a fantastic residential at Blackwell Court and rehearsing for the summer production. Throughout the year, our Year 6 have demonstrated resilience in all aspects of school life and we are going to miss them greatly.

Extreme temperatures this week have led to us being very creative in finding ways of staying as cool as we can. My favourite moment this week was walking into a reception class to see them sitting with their feet in buckets of cold water and having cucumber slices over their eyes! We would like to say a big thank you to FOBS for providing us with ice lollies and a thank you to you all for preparing your children to manage the heat safely.

Thank you for supporting Sports Day last Friday, it was a great success and we look forward to seeing you in school over the next few weeks at one of our many events being held.

As always, thank you for your support and partnership.

Best wishes

Lianna Willis

Headteacher

## Reception - Inkpen

We have had a lovely first few weeks, and the children have settled back into school life wonderfully. They have been enthusiastic and engaged in our new topic, Transport, and have enjoyed a range of exciting activities linked to this theme.

Outdoors, the children created their own car garage where they have been busy making our small-world cars super shiny. They even decided that the dinosaurs needed a good wash too, which led to lots of imaginative play and conversation!

The children have also been enjoying our story, The Night Pirates. We have been learning about the different parts of a ship and discussing what makes a pirate ship different from other boats. The children designed their own pirate ships and cleverly disguised them so that the Rough-Tough grown-up pirates would not realise they were coming to steal their treasure.

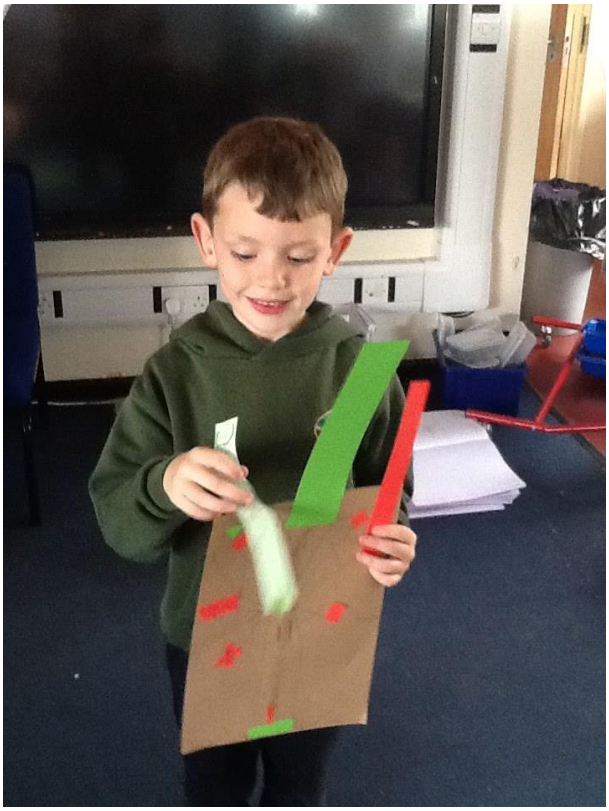
In maths, we have been exploring the concept of sharing. The children have been excellent at using mathematical language such as fairly, equally, odd, even, and sharing. They have been particularly confident when identifying odd and even amounts while sharing objects.

The children understand that when there is an odd number, it cannot be shared fairly between two groups.

***"That's an odd number, it's not fair. They have more cubes." - Ezra***

## Class 1 - Donaldson

What a busy couple of weeks Year 1 have had so far! It has been phonics, phonics and more phonics in Year 1. The children have been super stars with practising and completing their Phonics Screening Check. They are so confident with knowing their sounds and being able to read words. Alongside their phonics, we have been learning to recognise money and add coins and notes to make different amounts in maths. In art, we have been experimenting with paper craft using different techniques such as rolling, scrunching and twisting to create 3D pieces of work. These skills will then be developed to make 3D models of spiders based upon Louise Bourgeois' famous sculpture: Maman.



***I really like doing the Phonics Screening Check! Can I do it again? - Elliott***

***I've been practising adding coins at home. 2p and 5p make 7p. - Xander***

## Class 2 - Ahlberg

We've had a fantastic first few weeks back in Year 2. Our handwriting is getting more and more year 3 ready by the day and our writing is becoming fluent and almost effortless! In maths we have been grappling with telling the time. We are starting to tell the time in 5 minute intervals, to and past the hour - but it's easy to get mixed up between the long hand and the short hand unless we're very careful.

In history, we are learning about World War One - and the children are fascinated. We have learned about what life was like for people living in Braunston 110 years ago and we have looked at photos of the High Street then and now. Next week we will find out what life was like in the trenches - I hope that no-one is afraid of rats!

Borough Hill

***Lord Kitchener said, 'your country needs you!' to try to get men in Braunston to be part of World War One.  Bella***

## Class 3 - Dahl

Year 3 have had a super start to the last half term. The children are all really enjoying our new book in English - Nim's Island - which is about a little girl called Nim who lives on an island in the middle of the ocean. However, one day her dad goes out to sea and doesn't come back. We are waiting to find out if they will find each other again and will write our own ending to the story.

In maths we have been learning about time. The children have each been given a wrist watch to help them tell the time. They get to wear these all day which has encouraged lots of discussion about time outside of our maths lessons too!

The children are very excited about our DT project this term as its all about pasta! We will be making our own pasta salads at the end of the term and finding out all about the ingredients in between. This links really well with our science on nutrition and with our Geography, where we are learning all about Sicily.

Fire exit

STONE AGE

***"To be healthy we have to have a balanced diet and not eat too many sugary things!" - Roman***

## Class 4 - Morpurgo

Year 4 have had a super start to the final half term of the year. The children have really enjoyed reading our new book 'Why the whales came' by Michael Morpurgo. It is set on the Isles of Scilly at the outbreak of war and we have enjoyed meeting the wild and mysterious Birdman along with Daniel and Gracie, the two children at the heart of the story. We are all wondering if the Birdman will turn out to be as scary as he is made out to be!

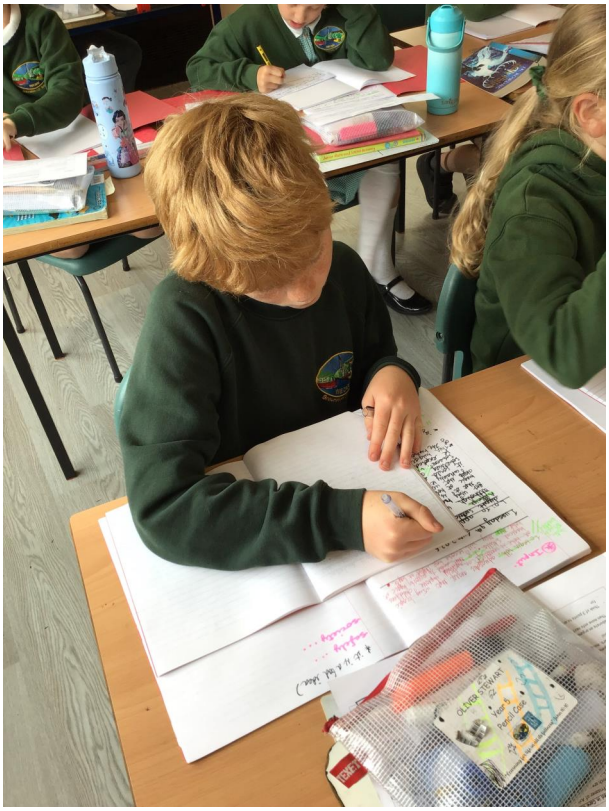
This week, the children undertook their MTC, the times table test that they have all been working so hard towards since September. Everyone has made super progress and should be very proud of their achievements. Results will be sent to school in the coming weeks. The children can't wait to find out their scores! Well done, everybody!

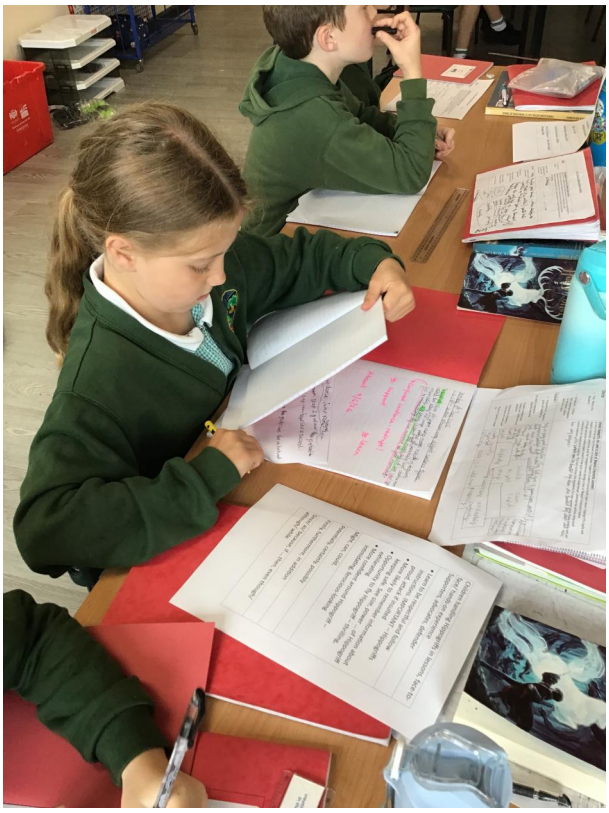
Mrs Goodridge had a wonderful afternoon with Class 4 creating soap sculptures. The children were so focused and created some fantastic pieces. The classroom smelled wonderful too!

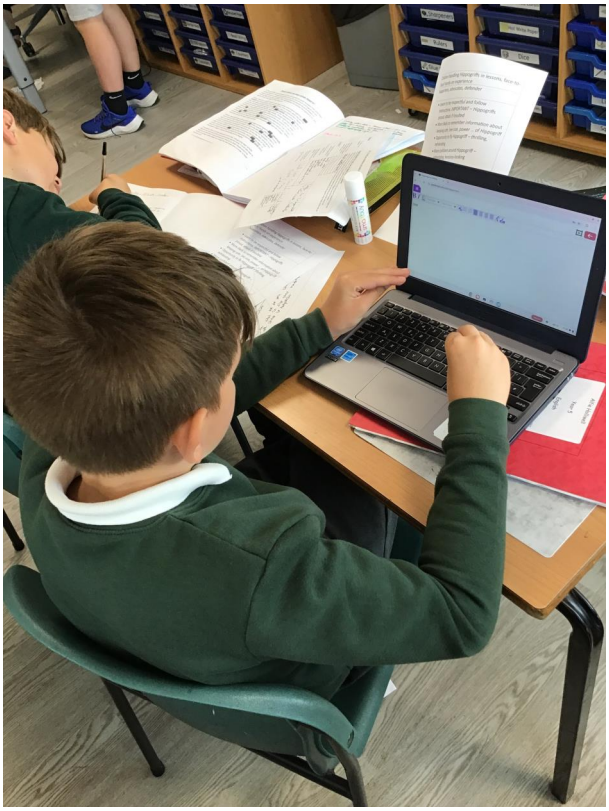
***Carving soap is harder than you think! - Nicky***

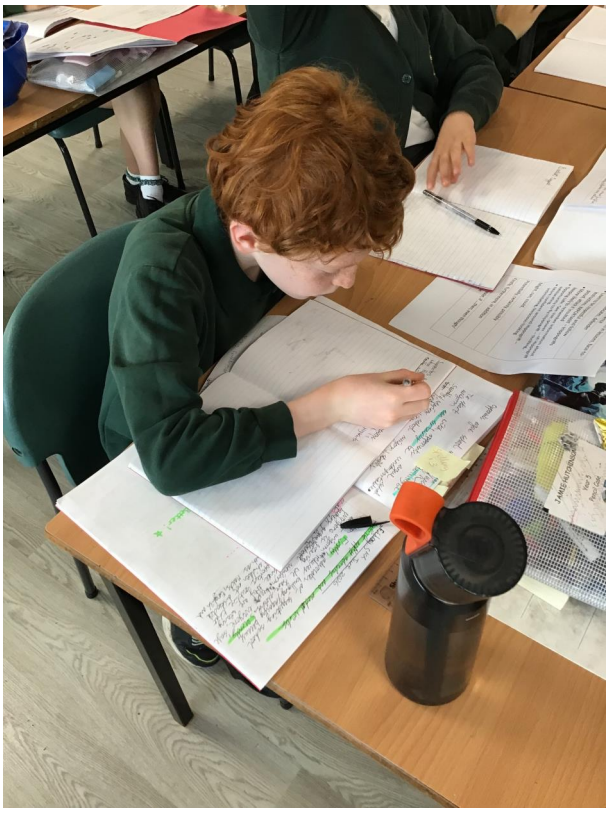
## Class 5 - Rowling

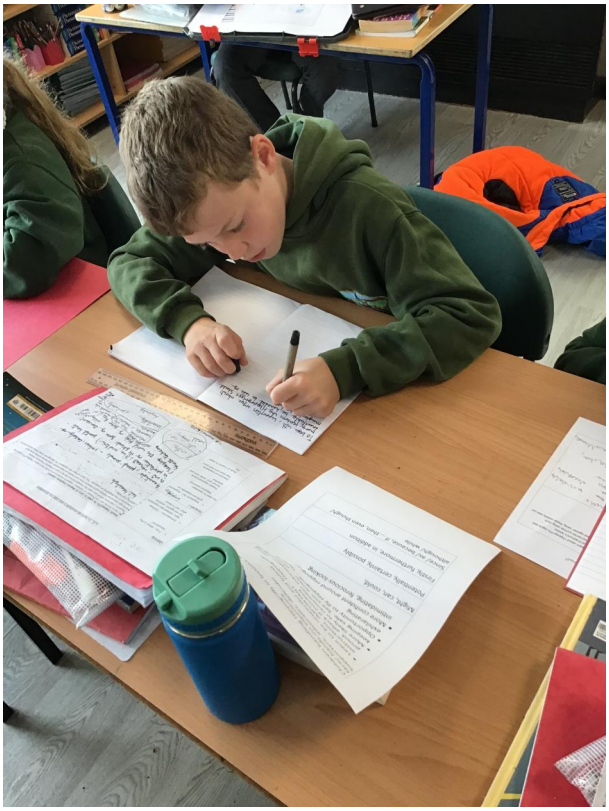
Year 5 are thoroughly enjoying reading Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban. They love our shared reading time and show great enthusiasm to read aloud in class. We love hearing everyone read! In English, we have been looking at what skills are needed to have a discussion. The children have been looking at making a point and arguing for and against using evidence to support each opinion. We had a fantastic, healthy discussion regarding if school uniform should be banned in schools. In maths, we have been learning to use a protractor. This can be quite tricky but the children have shown great perseverance, whilst we have learnt to identify, classify and measure the different angles. In swimming, the children have enjoyed splashing about with their peers and working hard to earn their next certificate. We have been super impressed with their teamwork and sportsmanship, when encouraging their peers to achieve their award. What a lovely, supportive class - well done, Year 5!

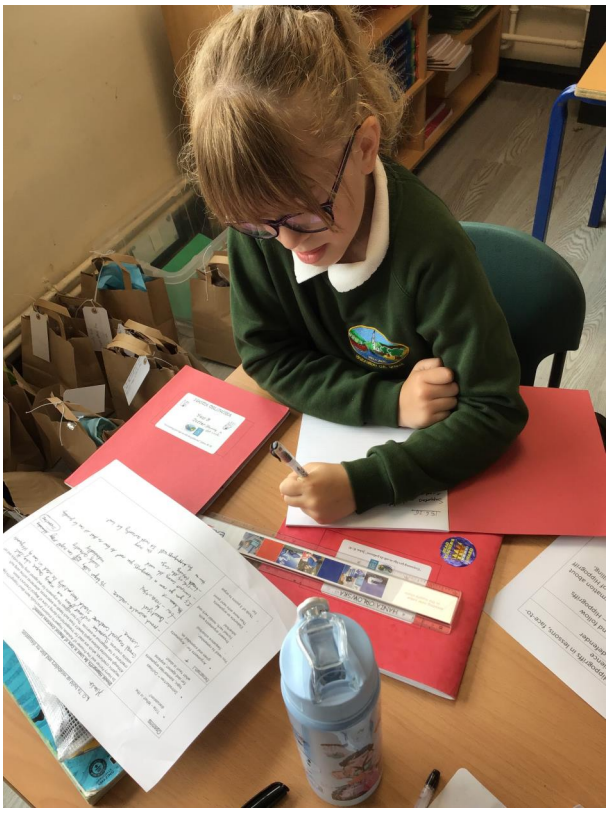












*"I am trying really hard with my handwriting." - Harvey-Jack*

## Class 6 - Horowitz

Year 6 have done a whole range of varied activities so far this term - both in and out of the classroom. You may have seen them riding their bikes around the village learning the rules of the road to earn their bikeability badges; or you may have seen us down at the Jetty Fields finding out about the allotments, the garden and spinney ready to prepare our entries for the annual Gallie Competition. Rehearsals for the end of year production are in full swing and the children enjoyed being creative making props and scenery. Learning has been full on too: we have used a range of maps and information sources to find out about Barcelona and, in science, we have researched inheritance and evolution - it was very interesting finding out how plants and animals have adapted to survive in their habitats.

***"It's been fun painting the scenery - I'm sure it's going to look great!"***

## Focus on sport

Year 6 have been out and about on their bikes to earn their bikeability badges  - the weather was very rainy but it did not dampen any spirits. The children learnt how to safely travel on the roads, knowing road positions and signalling. A group of KS2 children also represented the school at the annual Quadkids events: they had to complete in running, throwing and jumping events. Both teams tried their best, competed with enthusiasm and honed their skills.

## Church and Community

Reverend Kathryn leads our Collective Worship assemblies on Wednesdays and her focus this term is to help the children to understand the fundamental British values of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty, mutual respect and tolerance of different faiths and beliefs—aiming to prepare pupils for life in modern Britain.

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***All Saints Church Braunston News***

*Click HERE for all the latest news from All Saints Church*

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## Upcoming Events

Y4 'Just Sing' - Wednesday 1st July

In school transition - 2nd July

Summer Fair – Friday 10th July from 3:15pm onwards – Dances commence from 2:00pm

iRock Performance 9.30am - by invitation.

KS2 Performance – Tuesday 14th July -10:00am and 6:00pm

Big Sing Assembly - 15th July - 9am - All Welcome

Volunteer thank you event - 15th July - 9.30am

Y6 Leavers Assembly - 10:00am - Friday 17th July

**Break for Summer Holidays Friday - 17th July**

## Certificates of The Week

| Pupil of the Week | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| | W/C 1.6.26 | W/C 8.6.26 | W/C 15.6.26 |
| Inkpen | Harper | Ana | Ambreen |
| Donaldson | Summer | Arlo | Summer |
| Ahlberg | Evan | Jayden | Eliza |
| Dahl | Caden | Riley | Chester |
| Morpurgo | Levison | Sadie | Finlay |
| Rowling | Harvey-Jack | Jamie | Lucas |
| Horowitz | Phoebe | Oliver | Amanat |

| Our School Value<br>Resilience – Relationships – Reconciliation – Responsibility – Respect & Reverence - Reflection | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| | W/C 1.6.26 | W/C 8.6.26 | W/C 15.6.26 |
| Inkpen | Grace | Ernie | Quinn |
| Donaldson | Ferne | Ethan | Olivia M |
| Ahlberg | Harriet | Dylan | Charlie W |
| Dahl | Roman | Louis | Stanley W |
| Morpurgo | Nicky | William | Dexter |
| Rowling | Darcie | Isaac B | Avery |
| Horowitz | Ava | Akira | George S |

## Attendance

| ATTENDANCE | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| | 01.6.26 | 08.6.26 | 15.6.26 |
| Inkpen | 96.3% | 96.3% | 94.7% |
| Donaldson | 97.9% | 97.6% | 98.6% |
| Ahlberg | 93.6% | 92.7% | 93% |
| Dahl | 98.3% | 96% | 93.7% |
| Morpurgo | 99.6% | 99.6% | 97.5% |
| Rowling | 93.6% | 94.3% | 90.6% |
| Horowitz | 93.7% | 96.3% | 97.3% |
| WHOLE SCHOOL | 96.1% | 96% | 95% |

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- **Please see our Arbor app for all school communication**
- **Report an illness via the app.**

***Link to calendar of events** Click Here For Calendar*

***Request term time absence** Click Here For The Form*